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FALL PLANTING GUIDE

**TULIPS, DAFFODILS, CROCUS,
HYACINTHS AND
MAGNIFICENT NEW LILIES**

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To Gardeners Everywhere

"It's getting later than you think." Yes, it is, for all of us whose garden years add up to quite a few.

Yet there are new and surprising things in store, if we just open our eyes and minds to all the very beautiful flowers that within recent years the plant hybridizers have developed for us.

For instance, people who had never seen the size and beauty of Parrot Tulips before were simply amazed when they saw them in bloom in our display garden last spring. The choice Daffodils (Narcissus and Jonquils) created the same comment—gasps of surprise and an immediate desire to get started in at least a few of these outstanding bulbs.

So here we are—a listing of the Tulips and Daffodils that gardeners throughout America rate at the top of the beauty list. We hope that next spring in your garden they'll "gladden the heart and delight the eye" the same as they do in ours, come April-May.

Sincerely,
Deanette M. Small.

Tulip Bulbs

A choice selection of Imported Holland Bulbs in the newest and best standard varieties. Only first quality, top size (12 cm. up) bulbs furnished. The prices shown here are per dozen. For extensive mass planting, write for special prices.

DARWINS

AFTERGLOW. Soft apricot-orange	\$1.10
ARISTOCRAT. Soft purple-violet, with white edge	1.10
AVALANCHE. Late flowering white	1.10
BARTIGON. Beautiful bright cherry red, very large flower	1.10
BLACK EAGLE. Tall deep purple	1.10
CITY OF HAARLEM. Large cardinal-red, for years a gardener's favorite	1.10
CLARA BUTT. Graceful clear salmon pink	1.10
FARNCOMBE SANDERS. A very fine tall cochineal-red, always in bloom here for Mother's Day	1.00
GLACIER. Our favorite large ivory-white, planted as companion to Farncombe Sanders, blooming at same time	1.35
INSURPASSABLE. Exquisite orchid-lavender	1.10
LA TULIPE NOIRE. Purple black	1.00
MARGEAUX. Deep wine red, a very large flower	1.00
MR. VAN ZYL. Rosy pink with lighter edge	1.10
NIPHETOS. Soft sulphur-yellow	1.00
PRESIDENT TAFT. Late flowering deep blood red	1.00
PRIDE OF ZWANENBURG. Beautiful deep pink	1.10
PRINCESS ELIZABETH. Lovely soft lilac rose	1.00
SCOTCH LASSIE. Pure deep lavender	1.10
SUNKIST. Rich deep yellow	1.00
THE BISHOP. Fine large violet-purple	1.10

Collection of 10 varieties, full color range, 10 bulbs each, special \$7.50 per 100.
50 bulbs, 5 each, 10 varieties, only \$4.00.
Special Mixture: 12 bulbs, all different varieties, \$1.00 doz.

SINGLE EARLY TULIPS

(You'll enjoy these for their earliness, brilliance and flower size.)

BRILLIANT STAR. Rich dazzling scarlet.....	1.10
COULEUR CARDINAL. Deep glowing scarlet	1.10
GEN. DE WET. Very large brilliant orange	1.00
KEIZERSKROON. The novelty number, with base color of red, edged and slightly streaked yellow	1.00
RISING SUN. Large, clear yellow	1.00
SUN BURST. Yellow flushed red	1.00

DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS

ELECTRA. Deep cherry red	1.10
MR. VAN DER HOEF. Pure yellow	1.10
ORANGE NASSAU. Bright orange red	1.10
PEACH BLOSSOM. Brilliant rosy pink	1.10
SCHOONOORD. Pure white	1.10

DOUBLE LATE TULIPS

(Often called "Peony Flowered" because of size and fullness of petals.)

BELLE ALLIANCE. Blue, lined white.....	1.35
BLUE FLAG. Light violet blue	1.50
COXA. Carmine red with white edge	1.35
DOUBLE PICOTEE. White, turning to pink.....	1.35
EROS. A very choice old rose, in great demand	1.35
LIVINGSTONE. Bright cardinal red	1.50
MOUNT TACOMA. Exceedingly large white ..	1.25
UNCLE TOM. Deep maroon red	1.35

COTTAGE TULIPS

CARRARA. Pure marble white	1.00
GOLDEN HARVEST. Large soft yellow	1.00
GRENADIER. Brilliant orange scarlet	1.00
INGLESCOMBE YELLOW. Popular pure yellow, excellent planted with Clara Butt	1.00
LOHENGRIN. Bright red with white base	1.10
MARJORIE BOWEN. Salmon pink	1.00
MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS. An unbelievably large, waxen light canary yellow on tall, strong stem	1.25
PICOTEE. Delightful white one, with pink edging	1.00
THE BRIDE. Slender stemmed graceful pure white lily-flowered	1.25

PARROT TULIPS

BLACK PARROT. One of the very newest, a purple-black. Stock quite scarce. One only to a customer. Each.....	.75
BLUE PARROT. Large violet blue, dozen	1.00
FANTASY. Large salmon pink, enlivened with green	1.10
FIREBIRD. Scarlet red, on order of Fantasy....	1.35
GADELAN. The largest flowered we grow, an unusual shade of violet and mauve, shaded purple, heavily fringed	2.00
GEMMA. White, flushed apple blossom pink. New, and fine cut flower	1.50
ORANGE FAVORITE. Bright orange, green blotches, and yellow base. Shorter stemmed than the pink and blue ones. Increases rapidly in bulb stock, so fine massing	1.35
RED CHAMPION. Bright satiny crimson, extremely large and showy flower	1.35
SUNSHINE. Clear golden yellow, not so heavily fringed or cut. Fine planted next to Orange Favorite for mass effect	1.55

- THERESE.** Large cochineal red, softer in tone than Red Champion 1.35
- VIOLET QUEEN.** Muted tones, soft lilac and violet predominating 1.55
- Special:** 1 each, above 10 varieties (excluding the Black Parrot), unlabeled, for \$1.40. Labeled, each bulb wrapped separately, \$1.50.

Note: The Parrot Tulips are, in our estimation, the longest and most spectacular bloom of any. It is not unusual for a flower to last almost four weeks from the time color shows in the bud until the last petal has fallen. Their huge size and heavily cut or fringed petal edges make them wonderful material for the artistic home arranger. Chicago boulevard and other high style florists throughout the country, now feature Parrot Tulips whenever such cut flowers are market available. Topnotch Gardens (Waldean Farm) are likely the first nursery to HAVE FLOWN PARROT TULIPS TO HAWAII. We sent two cartons of brilliant specimen blooms to OUTRIGGER FLORIST AT WAIKIKI BEACH, HONOLULU, in MAY, 1950, for window display. The Parrots traveled the 5,000 miles by air in fine shape, amazing even mainland tourists who had never seen them in homeland gardens.

BOTANICAL (SPECIE) TULIPS

(Charming for rock gardens, terrace, slope or border front.)

- CLUSIANA.** Called The Little Lady tulip, with small white and pink flowers 1.00
- EICHLERI.** A bright, intense scarlet 1.00
- FULGENS.** Deep red, with very pointed petals 1.25
- KAUFMANNIANA.** The Waterlily Tulip, as it opens up wide and flat. The color is creamy yellow, pink outside. Flowers very early in season, on short stems 1.00
- KAUFMANNIANA ELLIOTT.** Creamy white, outside red, also very large flower 1.10
- RED EMPEROR.** A large, incredibly brilliant scarlet tulip, on medium height stems. This variety is invariably the first good-sized Tulip to bloom and is so striking that it "stops the crowds" passing by 1.25

Note: The bulbs of specie tulips are not the size of the Darwins, Cottage, etc., but are "scaled down" as befits more miniature items. The bulbs we offer are top select blooming size. They should be planted somewhat according to the size of the bulb, generally not deeper than four inches, whereas the larger Darwins and others are best planted 6 or more inches deep. For any one desiring an inexpensive collection of these early, delightful miniature tulips, we will be glad to describe and quote on such items as Australia, Linifolia, Marjoletti, Praestans and the new Kaufmanniana Variations, either separately, or in mixture. Such Tulips as these we highly recommend to lake side residents (nearby Miller Beach, Ogden Dunes, Dune Acres, Beverly Shores, Long Beach, etc.) for planted in groups of six to a dozen bulbs, they make solid masses of color and wonderful companion plantings to Phlox subulata, (creeping or mountain phlox) Alyssum saxatile (Basket-of-Gold), Armeria (Bees-ruby), etc.

Directions for Planting Tulips For Best Success

Tulips like well drained, good garden soil, and full sun, though they will grow in partial shade. They are effective in mass plantings (5 or more bulbs) in the border, in front of evergreens, along walks, or in solid beds. The bulbs may be left in the ground for three or four seasons, if not planted too closely. The foliage should be allowed to die naturally after flowering season, not cut or pulled off. Planting annuals over top of the tulips hides the yellowing foliage until time for removal.

Single bulbs may be planted with a bulb planter or trowel. For mass effect, scoop out the earth to a depth of 8 to 9 inches, tamp the earth hard, then solidly line the hole with bone meal or Wayside Gardens Plant Food (bone meal, dried blood, fish, etc. mixture) and put several inches of dirt over top of the bone meal, firm the earth again, then set the bulbs down solidly, 3 to 5 inches apart, depending on bloom effect desired. Top size bulbs planted in this manner will give the very largest flowers on strong, stiff stems. Our plantings here frequently remain in the garden three or four seasons before crowding of bulbs makes taking them up necessary. We have found that about one pound of bone meal to each 12 or 15 large sized tulip bulbs is about the right proportion of fertilizer to use. In addition, such bone meal is worked into the ground annually, early in spring, with the first garden cultivation.

Narcissus

(Daffodils and Jonquils)

Regardless of the type, all Daffodils are lovely. To enjoy them to the fullest, learn to recognize the class by the size or color of the flower. The Trumpet Narcissus (Daffodil) is one with a trumpet as long or longer than the perianth. The Leeds group have white perianth, with the cup white or nearly white. In the Incomparabilis, the cup or crown is one-third or more than the length of the perianth. In this group you will find the most of those very new, striking creamy white or yellow perianth (petals) with the cups (short trumpets) of rich scarlet, orange, or deep red. The Barri group has a cup or crown less than one-third the perianth length, the Poetaz carries large or well formed flowers, three or more to a stem, and all delightfully fragrant. The little Jonquilla Hybrids, of yellow or orange, carry two or more small flowers to a stem, but often several stems arise from a single bulb. The Poeticus group, last to flower here, have white petals with very short, bright cups, while the Double Narcissus are just as described. By planting all types of Narcissus, a blooming season of 6 to 8 weeks can be achieved, with a grand increase in the number of flowers where the bulbs are allowed to remain in the ground and multiply. The prices shown here, per dozen, are for top size, double nosed bulbs.

TRUMPET

ALASNAM. Wide-frilled trumpet of pure deep yellow	2.25
BEERSHEBA. Large flat perianth with pure white trumpet	4.50
GOLDEN HARVEST. Very large golden yellow	2.50

KING ALFRED. Popular, well-known golden yellow trumpet	2.00
MRS. E. H. KRELAGE. An exceedingly beautiful, almost white daffodil, as the perianth is white, and the light yellow trumpet slowly fades to ivory white when flower is fully open. Very long lasting in the garden	2.40

LEEDSI

DAISY SCHAFER. Broad creamy white perianth, with soft yellow cup. A very fine variety	2.40
MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. Known as the "Pink Daffodil." The perianth is creamy white, the trumpet shaped cup pale apricot, turning more pink as flower ages, 45c each, or per dozen	4.00
TUNIS. White perianth with the larger yellow cup flushed coppery gold	2.75

INCOMPARABILIS

CARLTON. Both perianth and crown a fine clear yellow	2.00
CROESUS. Canary yellow perianth, with bright orange fluted cup, very free flowering	1.75
DICK WELLBAND. Pure white perianth with bright orange red cup	2.40
FRANCISCA DRAKE. White perianth with golden yellow cup edged in flame-orange	2.00
JOHN EVELYN. Pure white perianth, with large flat lemon yellow cup	2.25
MILFORD HAVEN. Creamy white perianth, the chrome yellow cup edged bright orange-scarlet	2.50
RED CROSS. A tall flower, with yellow perianth and orange scarlet cup	1.90
SCARLET ELEGANCE. Exceedingly beautiful, with deep yellow perianth and very brilliant scarlet cup	2.25
SCARLET LEADER. The creamy white perianth is perfectly flat, with a crown of deep red	4.25
SEMPER AVANTI. Soft sulphur-white perianth, with enormous light orange crown	2.40
One bulb each of above 10 varieties, unlabeled, special, \$2.25. Labeled, each bulb wrapped separately, \$2.50.	

BARRI

DIANA KASNER. Cream-yellow perianth, yellow cup, with frill of blood red	1.75
LADY DIANA MANNERS. White perianth, with yellow cup edged red	1.75

JONQUILLA HYBRIDS

GOLDEN PERFECTION. Bright yellow, with red large flowers of perfect form	2.25
ORANGE QUEEN. Intense golden orange, with fluted cup. Very fragrant	2.00
TREVITHIAN. Many soft yellow flowers on a stout stem	2.00

POETAZ

GERANIUM. Large pure white perianth with a bright orange cup	1.75
LA FIANCEE. Pure white perianth, with yellow cup	1.75

POETICUS

ACTAEA. Broad petaled, with large eye rimmed in dark red	1.75
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RECURVUS. Oldtime "Pheasant's Eye," the white recurved petals have a deep orange red cup. Very late and fragrant 1.50

DOUBLE

MARY COPELAND. Pure white with deep orange red center 3.00

TWINK. Pure white petals, with orange center 2.25

ALBUS ODORATUS. The familiar, greatly beloved oldtime double pure white 1.75

SUPERB NARCISSUS COLLECTION (for the finest garden.) One dozen each of the following 10 outstanding varieties—Beersheba, Dick Wellband, Inglescombe, Mary Copeland, Mrs. R. O. Backhouse, Scarlet Elegance, Scarlet Leader, Trevithian, Unsurpassable and Thalia, a snow white Triandus Hybrid, carrying 3 to 5 flowers to a stem, a total of 120 fine bulbs for only \$22.

FOR NATURALIZING. Smaller sized bulbs, but all of blooming size. Turn them loose in the woods, along a shaded lane, just plant them once and leave them alone, to multiply and roam, \$4.00 for 50, \$7.50 per hundred. All types and colors, a 6 weeks spring delight.

FOR CUT FLOWERS. Specially selected varieties for flower size and strong stem, all blooming size bulbs, \$5.50 for 50, \$10 per 100.

Hyacinths

Our Hyacinth Bulbs are of the finest quality, all imported from Holland. They come in three sizes, top size, second and bedding. The top size or largest is bulbs 19 cm. and up, the next size 17-18 cm., and the bedding size is for bulbs 15-16 cm. in circumference. The bedding size is generally used for outdoor planting, the top size more frequently used for pot forcing.

Varieties available are **BISMARCK**, light sky blue, **CITY OF HAARLEM**, pure yellow, **GERTRUDE**, deep pink, **GRAND MAITRE**, deep lavender blue, **PINK PEARL**, pink with lighter edge, **KING OF THE BLUES**, rich dark blue, **LA VICTOIRE**, glistening deep red, **L'INNOCENCE**, pure white, and **QUEEN OF THE PINKS**, a bright rosy pink.

Topsized bulbs, \$3.00 per dozen; second size, \$2.25, and bedding size, \$1.50 per dozen, or \$10 per hundred.

Crocus

Harbingers of Spring, the Crocus often bloom with the disappearing snow. Plant them in the rockery, the border front, or along the edge of the walk. A choice mixture of colors, in top size (9 cm. and up) bulbs, 45c per dozen, or \$3.00 per hundred.

Also available in separate colors of violet, blue, lilac, pure white, white striped purple, yellow, dark purple, and white, striped lilac.

Lilies

After considerable testing, we are quite convinced that the new strains of Lilies, developed on the West Coast, are the finest ever for the home gardener. We have found them completely hardy, the flowers exceedingly beautiful and with great substance, making them long lasting in flower. This year we are

offering them for the first time to our customers, along with some of the improved strains of the older, better known Lilies. Full cultural directions will be sent to all who order Lilies from us.

CANDIDUM (Madonna Lily). Our bulbs are the American grown, improved Cascade Strain, with large white flowers of unusual texture and form. They increase readily, and bloom in June and July. Our bulbs are 8 inches or more in circumference, and ready in August-September. **\$7.50** per dozen. Second size (7-inch bulbs), **\$6.00** per dozen.

AURATUM. Large, late flowering white, with golden stripe or band. Top size (8 to 9 inch bulbs), **\$1.50** each. October shipment.

CENTIFOLIUM "Olympic Hybrids." A very new and exceedingly beautiful lily, largely white in color, with exterior of the petals delicately shaded light green or soft rose tints. Giant size bulbs, 8 to 9 inch circumference, **\$1** each, **\$5.50** for 6 or **\$10.00** per dozen. October delivery.

REGAL. Our Regal Lilies are a strong hybrid strain, very free flowering. The whitish, trumpet shaped flowers are colored a rose brown on the reverse. Very fragrant. July flowering. Bulbs ready in October. We offer three sizes of bulbs, 10 to 11 inch, **\$6.00** per dozen, 9 to 10 inch, **\$5.00** per dozen, and 8 to 9 inch, **\$4.50**.

RUBRUM (Speciosum Rubrum Magnificum). The flowers are rich ruby carmine, margined in white. August blooming, and a real show of color in the garden. 9 inch bulbs, **\$10.00** per dozen, 8 to 9 inch, **\$7.50** per dozen.

TENUIFOLIUM (Coral Lily). A charming small early flowering lily with recurved petals of deep scarlet. This lily will grow in the rock garden and border, but likes best a cool, damp, loamy soil and partial shade. **\$4.50** per dozen.

We also have available limited amounts of Henryi, Superbum, Tigrinum, Umbellatum, Martagon, Shuksan, Fiesta Hybrids, Testaceum, and the Western Sunset Hybrid Lilies, as well as the rare Aurelian Hybrids (developed by Carleton Yerex) and the Mid-Century Hybrids, developed from crossing Umbellatum and Tigrinum. If you are a lily enthusiast or collector, we will be glad to aid you in getting together a show garden collection of the finest American grown and imported varieties. Data and prices on request.

To Local Customers

You who are accustomed to driving out to the nursery or phoning your order for delivery, don't forget that AUGUST is the time for resetting Iris and Poppies, SEPTEMBER for Hemerocallis, Phlox, Columbine and Peonies, and OCTOBER, after frost, for Hybrid Lilacs, Forsythia, Mock Orange, Bush Honeysuckle and other Spring Flowering Shrubs. If you haven't ordered, do so now. Also place your order with us for early spring delivery of Pink and White Dogwood, Magnolia, Cut Leaf Birch and other ornamental and flowering trees.

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